# Greenways & Natural Lands Semilinole Tracks Newsletter

**Natural Lands Program Newsletter** 

2017 Spring

# **Upcoming Events:**

#### **NATURAL LANDS GUIDED HIKES**

Join Natural Lands staff and volunteers for guided morning and evening hikes on some of our most beautiful wilderness areas. Experience the trails and learn about the amazing animals and plants that live in the variety of habitats. **Children must be accompanied by an adult**.

Cost: \$3 per person (limited to 25 participants per hike. Morning Trail Trek at Black Bear Wilderness Area is limited to 15 participants).

**Pre-registration is required, space is limited.** Register at any active park: Red Bug Lake Park, Sanlando Park or Sylvan Lake Park. Park hours are: Monday thru Friday 8 a.m. - 10 p.m. Saturday and Sunday 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Children must be at least 7 years of age and accompanied by an adult. Morning Trail Trek @ Black Bear Wilderness Area children must be at least 10 years of age.

#### **GUIDED MORNING HIKES**

Date	meme	rime	LOCATION
April 22	*Swamp Walk	8 - 10 a.m.	Spring Hammock Preserve
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\*Swamp Walk will take you through thick black mud to explore the beauty of the hydric hammock. Wear closed-toed shoes and long pants. Lots of fun for the entire family!

\*\*Black Bear Wilderness Area trail is a 7.1 mile loop trail. It is very rough terrain and is not recommended for children under 10 years of age. Bring water, bug repellent and wear comfortable hiking shoes.

#### **GUIDED NIGHT HIKES**

Date	Theme	Time	<u>Location</u>
April 8	Nocturnal Animals	7:30 - 9:30 p.m.	Lake Proctor
			Wilderness Area
June 3	Herp (reptiles) Hike	7:30 - 9:30 p.m.	Geneva Wilderness
			Area

## SPECIAL EVENT! FAMILY FUN CAMPOUT—MARCH 4 - 5

Learn to camp in a fun, family-oriented event. Meals included! We will have tent pitching assistance, cast iron cooking, nature hike, wildlife chat, cook s'mores over a campfire and much more Limited to 35 participants.

Families must have a child 13 or younger to participate One tent per family.

Call 407-665-2211 for information.

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Saturday/Sunday 8 a.m.

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n: Geneva Wilderness Area

485 N. County Rd. 426,

Geneva 32732

Time: Saturday, 2 p.m. to Sunday, 9:00am

Cost: \$5 per person, \$20 per family max





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# **Upcoming Events:** continued

# SPRING BREAK ADVENTURE ECO CAMP!

Imagine a camp where you can have fun while leaning about the natural world! Have fun fishing, hiking, playing games, setting live traps, dip-netting, making crafts and much more! It's an outdoor Adventure and Environmental Education program that is committed to promoting individual growth and environmental awareness. For more information call 407.665.2211.

When: March 20th -24th

Where: Ed Yarborough Nature Center,

Geneva

Times: 9:00 a.m. -4:00 p.m.

(extended day available from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.)

**Ages**: 7-12

**Cost**: \$132/wk (extended day additional \$15/wk)

# **Nature Classes:**

# **STAR GAZING**

Join Natural Lands, the staff of the Emil Buehler Planetarium at Seminole State College and members of the Central Florida Astronomical Society for an evening exploring the wonders of the night sky. Program includes guided constellation laser tours of the sky and peering through large telescopes of many of the skies best celestial objects. Children must be at least 9 years of age and accompanied by an adult.

Date/Time: Saturday, February 4, 6 p.m. - 10 p.m.

Location: Lake Harney Wilderness Area

2395 Osceola Fish Camp Road, Geneva

Cost: \$5 per person

# PARENT/CHILD ECO CRAFTS!



Join us for parent/child nature craft time! We will begin the morning with a hike. From the items you collect on the hike we will return to the pavilion and create a one of a kind nature mobile and a nature tic-tac-toe board. Class is limited to 20 participants, so sign up NOW! Ages 5 -7 yrs.

Date/Time: Saturday, April 29, 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.

**Location**: Geneva Wilderness Area

3485 N. County Rd. 426, Geneva

**Cost**: \$5 per person

#### **OWL CLASS**

Join a local expert to find out Whoo is watching Whoo at night! Come learn about owls, the silent hunters of the night! Dissect our own owl pellet and go for a hike to listen for and hopefully see some of these amazing creatures! Children must be at least 9 years of age and accompanied by an adult.

**Date/Time**: Saturday, **March 18**, 6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

**Location**: Ed Yarborough Nature Center

3485 N. County Road 426, Geneva

**Cost**: \$5 per person



# SNAKES OF CENTRAL FLORIDA CLASS

Join a local snake expert as he gives an introduction to and dispels some of the myths about these often misunderstood, cold blooded residents! You will have the opportunity to meet and hold some of the native snakes that live in our area. The program will end with a hike. Open to ages 7 and up. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Date/Time: Saturday, May 6, 9 a.m. - Noon

Location: Ed Yarborough Nature Center, Geneva

Cost: \$5 per person

For all classes pre-registration is required, space is limited. Register at any active park: Red Bug Lake Park, Sanlando Park or Sylvan Lake Park. Park hours are: Monday thru Friday 8 a.m. - 10 p.m.,

Saturday and Sunday 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.



The Seminole County Natural Lands Program is your source for these activities:

Eco Birthday Parties at the Ed Yarborough Nature Center • Programs for Civic and Community Groups

Scouting Programs/Hikes • Public and Private School field trips • Eco Programs in your classroom

Private day and night hikes for groups of 15-25 • Geneva Campus Rental for meetings, parties, and events!